

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1285
By McCord

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Irwin on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of Sam Houston Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Linda Irwin is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 33 years with the Maryville City School system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Irwin will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of the school year; and

WHEREAS, beginning her illustrious career in education more than three decades ago, Ms. Irwin taught Physical Education for 18 years at John Sevier Elementary School while also coaching volleyball, softball, and swimming at Maryville High School; and

WHEREAS, she later worked for the State Department of Education for two years before making the transition into educational administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Irwin commenced her career in educational administration at Fort Craig Elementary School in the capacity of Assistant Principal, and then moved up the ranks to serve in her current position as Principal of Sam Houston Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, Ms. Irwin intends to continue her commitment to quality education by acting as Assistant Director for School Partnerships with the Niswonger Foundation in Greeneville, a foundation created to generate opportunities for community growth through education; and

WHEREAS, this position will provide Ms. Irwin with the opportunity to work directly with schools to develop strategies to improve education through school partnership projects in reading, math, science, foreign-language instruction, and other subjects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Irwin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Irwin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, staff, faculty, students, and their parents alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Linda Irwin on her dedication to the education of the students of Maryville and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.